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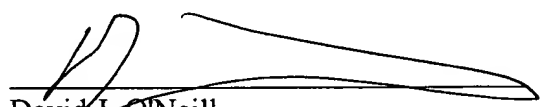
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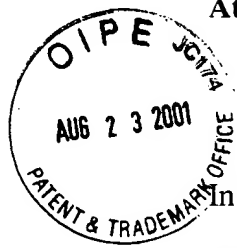
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete paragraph 1 of page 1 of the specification. Please replace same with the following:

A1 The present invention is related to patent applications "System and Method for Data Forwarding in a Programmable Multiple Network Processor Environment" (Serial No. 09/833,578) and "System and Method for Instruction-Level Parallelism in a Programmable Network Processor Environment" (Serial No. 09/833,580), both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

## REMARKS

Attached, as a separate sheet, is a marked-up paragraph identifying the changed portions of the replacement paragraph (deletions are in brackets and additions are underlined).